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30 July 1952

Mr. Fisher Hows
Deputy to the Special Assistant for Intelligence
Department of State
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Fisher:

I would appreciate it very much if you could pass to the appropriate station and individuals our compliments and appreciation for the excellent trip report, Moscow-Tbilisi and Return (Number IA-14-52) which recently reached this office. We recognize that the trip was made more than five months ago and that the attachés concerned may no longer be stationed in Moscow, but are anxious that our views as to the value of this report be passed both to the Embassy and to the individuals responsible for it.

In our opinion this report is an outstanding feat, reflecting not only thorough training and knowledge as to priority requirements of the entire intelligence community, but strenuous effort and considerable courage on the part of the observers. The careful logging of time and space and the specificity of the observations render the report particularly useful. And the care in which the observers separated the knowns, probables, possibilities, and unknowns is noteworthy.

Less than five percent of the material we now receive from iron curtain posts consists of such direct contact and observation reports; yet they are by all odds the most valuable grist for our research mill. It is earnestly hoped that maximum effort will be made to produce more of these and to emulate the superior standards set by Lt. Col. Norwood, USAF, and Captain James G. Lang, USN.

Sincerely yours,

AS
Robert Amory, Jr.
Assistant Director

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